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PRINCE ARTHUR'S VISIT.

For many reasons St. John extends a hearty welcome to His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught. The first is personal to the Prince himself. Both as soldier and diplomat he has long since earned public honors, and he possesses also the qualities of a statesman. Withal he is kindly and approachable, and possesses that democratic quality Canadians admire so much in the members of the reigning British house, His relation to that house is another reason for extending to him a hearty and a loyal welcome. The throne of Britain is secure because the reigning family possesses the true democratic spirit, of which proof has been given over and over again during the present war. Nothing has more surprised and delighted the American soldiers in England than to learn that their traditional conception of kings was as far as possible removed from the reality, as applied to the King of England.

Prince Arthur of Connaught has rendered distinguished service to the Empire, and may look forward to a splendid career of usefulness in years to come. Canadians are not strong on titles, as recent protests against hereditary titles in this country and much acid comment on the bestowal of such honors in large number without any too much discrimination have clearly shown; but titled Englishmen have shown for generations that if the system in the mother country has its defects it has also produced some of the nation's greatest men, and men who in the hour of national peril deem their lives a sacrifice, not too great to save the honor of their race.

The people of St. John cordially welcome also the distinguished men who surround the Prince. Those who have a notable military record are peculiarly welcome at this time, when the war absorbs attention and so many sons of New Brunswick are in the fighting forces overseas, or in hospital, or in training for service at the front.

Our guests may be assured that Premier Foster in St. John and Lieut.-Gov. Pugsley at Rothesay give expression to day to sentiments shared by the whole people.

THE WAR SITUATION.

"The cavalry is advancing in the open field continually at a gallop, exploring woods and farms. Tanks are following everywhere, reducing machine gun nests. Batteries of artillery are coming up at full trot and taking up new positions."

This description of the advance of the French army under Gen. Mangin in the Ailette River region reveals the fact that there is now much open field fighting in which cavalry and light artillery can operate with great effect. It reveals also the eagerness of the enemy to get away to a position where he can rally his forces and put up a stronger defence. The French have been so hot on his heels, however, that he had not time to destroy bridges, and he has been compelled to abandon large quantities of guns and other material and suffer the loss of many men taken prisoner by the swiftly advancing foe. From Sunday until Tuesday the French took ten thousand prisoners, and on Wednesday and Thursday five thousand more. As they crossed the Oise on bridges the enemy did not take time to destroy, long lines of German wagon trains could be seen hurrying northward. The French have taken at least two hundred guns. The advance continues. The fall of Noyon is regarded as certain. Roy is in the same position. The British are in Albert and are close to Beaumont that its early capture seems assured. The British have also taken prisoners and much war material, and are still strongly on the aggressive. One report says: "In the north and in the south the Allies are dashing upon the Germans and snapping up prisoners and booty, sometimes getting into the main enemy defence positions."

Of course it is a long way to the German border, and present success must not be permitted to give rise to extravagant hopes. The gains made are still costly, and there are still great German armies to be overcome. There is great cause for confidence, but not for any relaxation of war effort. The German press has at last been unmuzzled to the extent that it has been permitted to admit the real number of Americans in France. There must be some explanation to the people of continued reverses, and this method has been chosen. The people will doubtless realize also that more Americans are coming, and the general effect of the knowledge will certainly not strengthen German morale.

Today the British are fighting a battle southwest of Arras, and making progress. They have also advanced on the Lys front.

The list of Canadian casualties is heavy, and reminds us very forcibly of our part and our duty in the war.

An unnamed correspondent writes to The Times to tell of the immense activity in construction work in Boston and Halifax harbors and asks why immediate active work is not to be the condition at Courtenay Bay.

SOLDIERS OF THE SOIL.

The presentation today of medals to the soldiers of the soil, the lads who have helped in the campaign of greater production, was a very interesting event, and will long be remembered by the recipients of these tokens of the country's appreciation. The possession of one of these medals in years to come will be a legitimate source of pride, for it is a recognition of a worthy national service rendered when most needed. What one boy might be able to do would not perhaps count for much, but what all the boys who answered the call have done is of very real and appreciable value. Nor was the benefit alone to the farm. The boys have had an experience not to be overlooked. They have had an adventure in self-reliance that will do them a world of good. If some of them have developed such a liking for agriculture as will prompt them to make their studies tend in that direction, with a view to embracing that vocation, the province is the gainer thereby, for there will never be an excess of farmers, and there will always be a competence for the young farmer who knows how to carry on the work and steadily pursue the most independent of all occupations. There is need of closer sympathy and co-operation between city and country. The soldiers of the soil movement will tend toward that end, and so confer a further benefit.

THESE BY-ELECTIONS.

Commenting on the two by-elections in Ontario the other day the Standard intimated that the opposition candidates were nominated as part of "a Liberal movement" to defeat the two ministers. This was as near the truth as the Standard ever gets in politics but the story is still wide. There was no Liberal attempt to defeat the ministers. If there had been, the Liberal press of Toronto would have heard of it. Neither the Globe nor the Star supported the opposition candidates, in one case perhaps with good reason, as the candidate was an independent Conservative. The Globe points out that the people are not concerned themselves with politics, and the truth of the statement is proved by the fact that though the electorate had been numerically doubled by giving women the franchise the total vote, both in Northeast Toronto and East York was far below the normal total before women voted. The Globe says further:

"The return of Hon. Dr. H. J. Cody, Minister of Education, and of Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Agriculture, was anticipated. Provincial Liberalism rightly interpreted public sentiment when it declined to be a party to the bringing on of war-time contests in which there was no vital war or provincial issue at stake, and hundreds of Liberals in both ridings in consequence refrained from any participation in the elections. Mr. William Varley, the Soldier-Labor candidate in Northeast Toronto, conducted a good campaign, but found himself handicapped by the absence of any fundamental issue important enough to warrant general public interest in the face of the call for national carrying on in war endeavor. Mr. John Galbraith, the Independent Conservative candidate in East York, was never conceded to have any chance of success."

The Globe says further and it may not be out of place to suggest that the Standard take it to heart:

"There is but one issue at present for the vast majority of Canadians—the issue of the war. The voting yesterday should go far to convince parties and politicians that the citizen electors, men and women, recognize that they have something much more important than politics to deal with at the present time, and that there is no general public demand for unnecessary war-time elections."

The Bangor Commercial says: "Milwaukee has just taken another step toward becoming a real American city, the school board having ordered that the teaching of all foreign languages in the grade schools shall be stopped after June, 1919, although why the school board should delay the results of its action for a year we do not know. A year ago the teaching of all languages except English was stopped in the first grade and the ruling will after the date mentioned be extended to all the grade schools. Of course the ruling is particularly intended for the German language and the action of the school board was only taken after strong opposition had been manifested."

SHORTAGE OF ENGINEERS IN MERCHANT SHIP SERVICE

Washington, Aug. 22.—Chairman Hurley of the shipping board has authorized the board's sea service bureau to take such measures as they regard necessary to meet the shortage of engineers for merchant ships. He telegraphed this authority in answer to a suggestion from the agents that marine engineers now employed on land be called on for sea service and that engineers now holding licenses for lower grades be asked to try for higher licenses.

TREASURED CANE GIFT TO COLONEL STURDEE FOR NAVY LEAGUE WORK

Dr. Alfred Hall, dominion commissioner of the Navy League of Canada who has been in the city for the last few days in the interests of the navy league appeal for sailors' week, September 2 to 7, concluded his labors here last night when he addressed audiences in the Imperial Opera House, Lyric and Unique theatres. An interesting incident took place during the evening when Dr. Hall presented to Colonel E. T. Sturdee, president of the provincial branch of the league, a cane encircled with a band of copper from the H. M. S. Victory, Nelson's flagship in the famous battle of Trafalgar, embossed with a bust of Lord Nelson and his famous motto delivered on the day of the battle.

Dr. Hall said Canada should have 100,000 members alone and if this number would come forward there would then be no necessity for any special appeal. He urged all to join as associate or regular members.

The presentation to Colonel Sturdee took place at the Lyric theatre. In his address Dr. Hall made reference to the memorable British victory at the Falkland Islands, obtained under Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee, C. B., and he congratulated the navy league of the province that it had as its president a cousin of the admiral, Colonel Sturdee. The speaker pointed out how this victory had saved Canada as had the German fleet not been destroyed the intention was that the ships should come to the north Atlantic and demoralize Canadian and British trade. He also referred to Nelson, a famous victory at Trafalgar and then presented to Colonel Sturdee the walking stick decorated with copper

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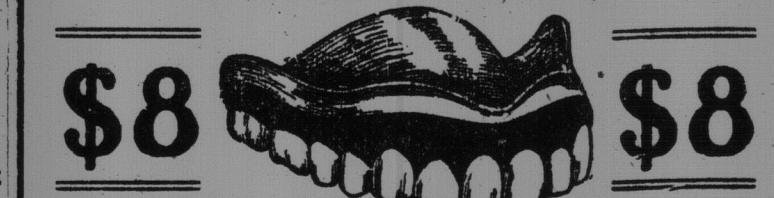
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